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Secretary of War Garrison in his ing produced in 24 months only 16 tor general of ordnance at Munich, is annual report goes deeply into the men, and there is little or no hope subject of a more efficient and larger that it will ever properly accomplish the fighting in the western theater, its purpose. The reasons why it will After enumerating the vast areas not do so it is not profitable to dis

of continental United States and those cuss. of "our other territorial responsibili- "I am firmly convinced that if we ties which must be considered," the can use the standing army as a school BRITISH GENERAL report says the total strength of the through which to pass men who come army June 30, 1914, was 94,382. Of into it, with the knowledge that if do entertained Brig.-gen. Barnardisthis number 30,890 were available as they are proficient they can be dis ton, who commanded the British a mobile force in continental United charged at any time after a year of forces at Tsingtau, at luncheon yes-States, the rest being employed in 18 months, we will begin at once to terday and conferred a decoration the Philippines. Hawaii or the Canal build up the necessary reserve, and upon him. Zone or comprising hospital, quarter- will, for the first time in the military masters or other auxiliary services, history of the country, have something In the near future, the report states, approximating a balanced organizaadditional forces will be sent to the tion. Canal Zone and elsewhere reducing, "I am therefore firmly convinced the mobile force on the continent, ex- that we should have immediate legisclusive of coast artillery, to 24,600 lation dealing with the matter of enmen. Even with the increased force listment and reserve. A practically there. Secretary Garrison declares, similar provision should exist in every the Panama garrison will be inade state which maintains an organized

quate in his opinion. A table of the 13 leading countries organized militia should have a propof the world showing area, population, er reserve to fill up its ranks as it is peace strength of the army and theithat the regular army should. total trained war strength is includ. Train More Civilians. ed in the report. It discloses that | "I am convinced with equal firm with an area and population surpassed ness that we should adopt some one only by Great Britain and her colonies or more of the methods which have and by Russia, the United States been suggested for the training of stands tenth in the peace footing of more civilians to become officers in her army and twelith in trained re- case of necessity. The potentiality of Against Russia's 4,500,000 the student military camps and of the trained men the United States has schools and colleges at which training 225,000, including the Philippine is obtainable suggests a fruitful source Scouts: and Belgium, with 180,000 is of accomplishing this purpose. the only nation below that figure. "I realize that one of the matters Switzerland, next above, has 275,000, which will be much debated in con-Japan, 1,200,000.

"Whatever else may properly be be the matter of expense. I do not drawn from the facts as disclosed. | overlook this, but I think that those the report says, "it can not be dis- who are charged with responsibility puted that it is imperative that we on behalf of the public should realize have in this country a very much larg- the greatness of that responsibility; er percentage of men who have had should realize the unanswerable inproper military training and who are dictment that will lie against them if in a position to instantly respond to they shrink from incurring expense the call of the nation."

War Material. Of war material the report says: "We have on hand in reserve suffi- paredness is essential, the question cient small arms, small-arm ammuni- of its cost is secondary and cannot tion and equipment, roughly figuring be permitted to be the determining for the 500,000 men that would have factor. No citizen will or can propto be called into the field in any large erly object to the expenditure of emergency. We have nothing like money for vital national purposes." sufficient artillery and artillery am-

This has been urgently presented in all of the recent reports of the near of this department and the chiefs of staff, and Congress has from time to time recently increased the appropriations for these purposes. There is universal agreement among all who know, that artillery is an essential feature of modern warfare, and that a proper proportion thereof to any army is indispensable if success is to be even hoped for. It is imperative that the manufacture of artillery and artillery ammunition should progress as rapidly as is possible until a proper reserve thereof has been obtained. Aviation Corps.

"In present-day strategy and tactics price of one. Remember the placethe aviation corps has bid fair to become the eyes of the army, and a general commanding an army without an back. Ask to see the Decker name on adequate flying corps against an army of equal strength in other respects but Adv. with an adequate flying corps, would be in the position of a blind man contending against a man with sight. The present Congress made a good start toward putting aviation on a substantial basis. This work should be foi- [Associated Press by Fed. Wire:ess. lowed up and consistently pressed.

vastly increased the mobility of armies. It is necessary that we keep abreast of the times in utilizing motor vehicles for army transportation. It might be well worth while to devise ways and means of organizing into a volunteer motor transportation reserve the motor vehicles adaptable to military use now in the hands of private citizens." Recommendations.

Transmitting his recommendations. Mr. Garrison writes in part:

"My recommendation of what we should immediately do is to fill up the existing organizations which compose the aggregate mobile army force just mentioned to their full strength. This would require 25,000 men. In addition to the enlisted men just mentioned, we should be authorized to obtain 1000 more officers. The legislation to accomplish these purposes would be of the very simplest character, being merely authorizations to the department to do these things.

"An increase of the enlisted personnel of the army by 25,000 men would accomplish three-fold results. It would, as before mentioned, bring up to full strength the existing units of the mobile army in continental United States and thus supply a more adequate force. Second, it would afford training for the officers in the command of such units as they must command in time of war and would prevent, as far as the regular army is concerned, the crowding of the ranks with raw levies which always disor ganize and render inefficient the orzanizations into which they came. Third, it would be a wise investment from the standpoint of economy, in that no material increase of overhead charges would be necessary, and the addition of these men could be effected at a per capita cost to the government of about one-third the per capita

cost under existing conditions. "My the time these 25,000 men could be procured the mobile forces in the United States as hereinbefore pointed out would number 24,602; so that after the addition the mobile army in continental United States would consist of 49.602 men.

Reserve Plans. "With the army thus increased, we would then be able to undertake the next necessity, which is absolutely 'mperative, and that, the preparation of a reserve. The present legislation with respect to a reserve has proven utterly useless for the purpose, it hav-

ORDNANCE EXPERT

Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.] BERLIN, Germany, December 15 .-Lieut.gen. von Streck, former inspecdead of wounds received in action in according to an official announcement issued yesterday.

MIKADO DECORATES

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 15-The suffer-Gen. Barnardiston will sail on De-

cember 19 for San Francisco. It is reported here that the British navy has captured the German armed merchantman Oxford in the Indian

Another report reaching here from the island of Guam says that the converted German cruiser Cormorant has entered that port.

militia. It is just as essential that the ZEPPELINS WOULD RAID PARIS, IS REPORT

PARIS, France, Dec. 15 .- All street amps were extinguished at midnight last night. Reports were received here that two Zeppelin airships were proceeding in the direction of this city.

FEARFUL SUFFERING IN BELGIUM AND POLAND

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 15 .- The suffering of the non-combatants in Belgium, through the destruction of homes and the sweeping bare the country of all supplies of food, is duplicated on a much larger scale throughout Poland, where millions are reported to be starving, without prospect of relief. According to reports from various trustworthy sources 400 villages have been destroyed as a result of the fighting between the two great armies that have been driven back and forth across the land during the past three

Unless some means of relieving the distress can be found, very many of the women and children of Russian have, that a minimum of military pre-Poland will not be able to survive the

> Reuter's despatches from Petrograd say that the city is without water as a result of the blocking of the conduits in the Neva river by'ice floes. There is much apprehension for fear fire may break out,

NEUTRAL KINGS WOULD CONFER

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Dec. 15. -The unity of interests between the Scandinavian states during the present war has caused King Gustav to invite King Haakon of Norway and King Christian of Denmark to visit him at Malmo, the Swedish seaport town, on Friday and Saturday of this week. The sovereigns will discuss the state of affairs resulting from the Advices from Stockholm say that

the Germans have captured the Swedish steamer Ludvig Peyron and taken the vessel to the naval base at Swin-

HONOR FOR U. S. CONSUL

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15. -John Q. Wood, formerly of Hawaii, whose recent success as American consul-general at Adis Abada, where he distinguished himself during the Italian Turkish war and since, has brought him prominently before the "The universal utilization of motor Agents here announce the sale of 24. American public, has been rewarded transportation in the present war has 200,000 pounds of flour to Holland, for by promotion. He has been designatwhich more than \$500,000 will be re-ed as consul at Chemnitz, an impor tant city in Saxony.

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cial, Third Degree; 7:30 p. m. THURSDAY-

Honolulu Chapter No. 1, R. A. M.; Stated, Election of Orricers; 7:30 p. m. FRIDAY-

Hawaiian Lodge No. 21: Spe-

cial, Second Degree; 7:30 p.m.

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THURSDAY-

SATURDAY-

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